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SAC, Washington

Re: COCASE
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(Bureau File No. [redacted])

Dear Sir:

Confidential discreet inquiry is desired as to one PAUL JEAN MARIE CAVAILLEZ who is believed to be identical with an individual who was to operate with [redacted] b7D
Any and all inquiry should be under suitable pretext, possibly with reference to his application for visa to enter the United States, and no reference should be had to this case or the possible association of CAVAILLEZ [redacted]

CAVAILLEZ on June 30, 1942 made application for visa to enter the United States at the American Consulate, Nice, France, where he indicated he was residing, and indicated he was in possession of French passport issued to him September, 1941 and bearing exit visa authorized by the Ministry of the Interior at Vichy, France. This passport was valid for travel in United States via Spain and Portugal.

CAVAILLEZ indicated he was born July 28, 1902 at Blois (Loire et Cher), France; that he had no relatives in the United States or abroad; that he was single. He supposedly had diploma as an electrical engineer from the Institut Electro-Technique of Grenoble. He indicated 1930 to 1932 he was engaged in construction and exploitation of the Antipolis Theatre, Antibes, France; 1930 to 1939 he was managing director of a garage, Antibes; he was apparently in the French Air Force 1933 to 1940; he was mobilized in 1939 as a Lieutenant pilot in French Air Force; he was demobilized August 22, 1940.

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He indicated his sponsors, two French citizens who had never been in the United States: JEAN FRANCOIS JOSEPH PASTOUR, born France, 1894, residing 1 Place Mace, Antibes, Alpes Maritimes, France, and HENRI MARILLET, born France, 1895, residing La Grangette, Chemin de Lorraine, Antibes, the latter indicating himself as a physician specializing in X-ray.

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CAVAILLEZ indicated he planned to reside in Washington, D. C. and "to exploit a patent with the National Inventors Council and the War Department at Washington, D. C. regarding an invention for the landing of airplanes without visibility". He also indicated that Commander ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. and Sergeant J. COOK, United States Army, Boyle Field, were interested in his admission; however, no one from the Navy or the Army indicated any effort in connection with his possible entry into the United States.

On July 17, 1942 the Interdepartmental Committee considered the application of CAVAILLEZ and rejected same, indicating that he could not have gained permission to depart from France due to his background without having made commitments which would be inimical to the welfare of the United States. Thereafter the Interdepartmental Visa Review Committee considered his application for permanent residence visa and rejected it for the same cause, he presenting no new information in connection with the second application.

Dept. Committee

Please determine the identity and responsibility of the National Inventors Council, Washington, D. C. and suitably approach them for any information they may have as to CAVAILLEZ, the project which he indicates, as well as any other references or correspondence as to CAVAILLEZ. Also, make suitable inquiry of the War Department or the United States Army Air Force to determine whether or not they have any knowledge of CAVAILLEZ.

After suitable effort to identify that such persons exist, suitable inquiry should be made through the Navy and the Army to locate and interview Commander ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER and Sergeant J. COOK as to any knowledge they may have as to this individual.

It has previously been indicated that possibly CAVAILLEZ would first arrive at Buenos Aires, Argentina where he would establish himself or possibly try to enter the United States in order to establish himself [redacted] All inquiry should be made with the thought in mind of determining the possibility of where CAVAILLEZ is now located under the suitable, necessary restrictions and confidential nature of the inquiry as previously above stated.

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Please make the above inquiry and investigation at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Assistant Director

cc: Bureau